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REMARKS

Claims 14 and 26 have been amended to respectively conform to the antecedents recited in their parent claims 3 and 15. More specifically, claim 3, at line 3, recites a “parameter calculator” and in order to relate back to this antecedent, “parameter calculating means” has been amended to recite “parameter calculator.” Similarly, claim 15, at line 3, recites a “parameter calculator” and, in order to relate back to this antecedent, the “parameter calculating means” at line 4 of claim 14 has been amended to recite “parameter calculator” and claim 15, at line 3, recites a “parameter calculator” and, in order to relate back to this antecedent, the “parameter calculating means” at line 4 of claim 26 has been amended to recite “parameter calculator.”

It is submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter, and do not broaden the scope of these claims but merely properly conform the terms of claims 14 and 26 to their parent claims 3 and 15 and should be entered as dealing only with minor formal matters.

It is submitted that these minor changes are permitted under a Rule 312 Amendment and entry of this amendment and issuance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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